GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – R&S – Embezzlement of Government money collected towards Registration & Stamp duty from registering parties in the office of Sub Registrar, Madanapalli – Disciplinary action initiated against Sri M.Kodanda Ramaiah, Sr.Asst., & I/c.Sub Registrar and two others – Articles of Charge issued– Regular Enquiry officer appointed – Fixing responsibility of Sri B.V.Ramana Reddy, S.R., Mandanapalli- Expired- Examined - Further action abated - Orders - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE–II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.1010 **Dated:04.10.2019**
Read the following:-

Ref:-1) From D&IG,R&S, Vijayawada,Lr.No.X4/11506/2014,dt.7-3-2018.
2) Govt.,Memo.No:17022/17/2018-VIG-II(2)-1, dated:24.04.2018.
3) Letter received from DIG, R&S, Chittoor, Lr.No:E/262/2014-1, dated:02.07.2018.
4) Govt.,Memo.No:17022/17/2018-VIG-II(2)-1,dated:24.04.2018.
5) From D&IG, R&S, AP, Vijayawada, Lr.No:X4/11506/2014, dt:29.10.2018.

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O R D E R:

Whereas, the Director & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Vijayawada has informed that the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Chittoor has reported that the Sub Registrar has registered a complaint on 10.10.2014 before the Station House Officer, Madanapalli I Town Police Station vide FIR No189/2014 against Sri C.Vasudeva Naidu, Junior Assistant, ThamballaPalli working on deputation in the O/o.Sub Registrar Office, Madanapalli for not handing over the cash Rs.24,54,706/- to the Sub Registrar nor remitting the same into the bank and absconded with the money. The Deputy Inspector General, Chittoor constituted a committee headed by the District Registrar, Tirupathi as Chairman, District Registrar (Market Value & Audit) and other Sub Registrar's of the District as members to examine and submit a factual report. The Committee observed that out of Rs.37,24,441/- for which specific instances of variations and short remittances were noticed, four officials viz. i) Sri M.Kodanda Ramaiah, Senior Assistant & In-charge Sub Registrar; ii) Sri S.Balaji, Senior Assistant, iii) Sri C.Vasudeva Naidu, Junior Assistant and Sri B.V.Ramana Reddy, Sub Registrar (expired) were responsible for the embezzlement of Government money. The District Registrar, Chittoor has placed Sri C.Vasudeva Naidu, Junior Assistant under suspension, vide proceedings dated 10-10-2014.

2. The Deputy Inspector General, Chittoor, being Disciplinary Authority, initiated action by framing charges to the Accused Officer's mentioned at Sl.Nos 1-3 above on 01/08-10-2015 and followed the further course of action under Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules 1991. Regular Enquiry officer was appointed to enquire into the charges framed against the said three officers. Finally, the Enquiry Officer submitted the Enquiry Report to the Deputy Inspector General, Chittoor on 1-08-2017. As per findings of the Enquiry Officer's Report, all the charges framed against three Accused Officer's are held proved. It was reported that the deceased Sub-Registrar, Sri B.V. Ramana Reddy, also held jointly responsible for the embezzlement of Government money.

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3. The Disciplinary Authority i.e Deputy Inspector General, Chittoor has proposed the penalty of Reduction to lower rank as per Rule 9 (VII) (B) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Service (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 against Sri M.Kodanda Ramaiah, Senior Assistant & In-charge Sub Registrar; Sri S.Balaji, Senior Assistant and the penalty of dismissal from service on Sri C.VasudevaNaidu, Junior Assistant and the amount Rs 4,45,050/- was withheld from the Death Cum Retirement Gratuity of Sri B.V.Ramana Reddy, Sub Registrar (expired).

4. Government have examined the matter and observed that according to G.O.Ms.No.85, Finance & Planning (FW-Pen-1) Department, dated 12-07-1999 under Sub heading Notification / Amendments (i) in the Sub Rule (7) (a) of the Rule 9, "When a Government servant dies before conclusion of the disciplinary proceedings, generally death abates all further proceedings. As such, when Government Servant dies before conclusion of the disciplinary proceedings, the proceedings under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 also abates. If any loss caused or misappropriated the Government amount by the deceased Government Servant established, in such a case, the disciplinary proceedings will not automatically abate and it is open to the Government to bring the legal representatives on record and conclude disciplinary proceedings for the purpose of recovery of the same".

5. And whereas, Government after careful examination of the matter, have decided and hereby order to abate all further proceedings against Sri B.V.Ramana Reddy, Sub Registrar, Mandanapalli, who expired on 21.09.2014 while discharging duties as Sub Registrar in Madanapalli, duly recovering the loss caused by him under Rule 9(7) of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 from his terminal benefits.

6. The Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Vijayawada / Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Chittoor shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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To
The legal representatives of late Sri B.V.Ramana Reddy, S.R., Mandanapalli (**through** Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, A.P.,Vijayawada)
The Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Vijayawada.
Copy to :
The Secretary to Vigilance Commr, A.P.Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Chittoor.
The Accountant General, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
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//FORWARDED:: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER